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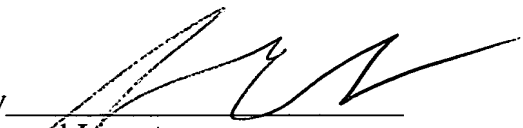
Claims 11, 28-39, 49-51, and 53-55 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, primarily in order to reduce extra claim fees. All the remaining claims other than claim 47 have been amended. These amendments were made in part to remove all multiple dependencies. Various of the dependencies have been changed in light of the claim cancellations. Other amendments were introduced to improve clarity and definiteness of the claims, or to divide lengthier parts of claims into portions separated by numerical headings, for ease of understanding. In claims 14 and 7 which list various diseases and conditions, the order of the items listed has been rearranged to improve the logic of groupings. Support for these amendments is found in the original claim set and throughout the specification. In no case has new matter been introduced.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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